Regional Environmental Planning Program (REPP)

- Each Regional Planning Agency (RPA) is awarded \$23,250 annually for environmental planning work
- DES meets quarterly with RPA directors to develop program priorities & assess progress
- Land Conservation was identified as a priority in 1998. RPAs did research with municipalities to develop clear conservation priorities. This work helped establish the need for LCHIP.

What do RPAs do with their REPP?

- RPAs work with planning boards assisting with GIS based natural resource planning, build out analyses, open space plans, and conservation subdivisions.
- RPAs assist towns and land trusts in acquiring conservation lands.
- Smart growth issues are being addressed at local and regional scales.

What else should you know about REPP?

- Contracts are awarded on a July-June cycle.
- A portion of the grant is allocated for statewide projects and the remainder can be used in discretionary projects
- REPP will have a new webpage soon which will link to local resource protection priorities regionally. Stay Tuned!
- Contact Eric Williams for more information